

The parties appear to have been working in good faith to resolve their discovery disputes, even to the point that, as Plaintiff reports, those disputes have been narrowed to the matters at issue in the pending Motion to Compel. (Doc. 19 at 2). Such efforts, though, even coupled with the inadvertent overlooking of the conference requirement prior to the filing of the Motion to Compel,

do not justify a retroactive waiver of this express provision of the Pretrial Order. More practically, it is not apparent to the undersigned that a conference would be unhelpful or unproductive, notwithstanding the completed briefing of the Motion to Compel.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion (Doc. 19) requesting waiver of a discovery conference is **DENIED**. The Court will conduct a discovery conference by conference call on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. Counsel will receive dial-in instructions in advance.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a ruling on Plaintiff's Motion to Compel (Doc. 14) is hereby **DEFERRED** pending completion of the discovery conference.

Signed: November 16, 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "W. Carleton Metcalf", written over a horizontal line.

W. Carleton Metcalf  
United States Magistrate Judge

